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El Monte Teacher Sentenced to Prison for Lewd Act, Child Molesting

A Miramonte Elementary School teacher convicted of inappropriately touching young female students was sentenced to prison today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At Tuesday's court appearance, Joseph Alfred Baldenebro, 55, of Montebello pleaded no contest to five counts in case KA115591: one felony count of lewd act upon a child and four misdemeanor counts of child molesting.

Following the plea, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Jack P. Hunt sentenced the defendant to eight years in state prison. Additionally, he ordered Baldenebro to register as a lifetime sex offender.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said Baldenebro engaged in improper touching with five female students on school grounds between August 2015 and May 2017.

The reported victims were in 4th and 5th grade at the time of the crimes, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Victims Bureau.

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